

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

### Local Organizations

Hospice and Palliative Care Council of Vermont - <http://www.hpccv.org/>

Vermont Ethics Network - <http://vtethicsnetwork.org/index.html>

Vermont Children's Hospital Pediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT)  
[http://www.fletcherallen.org/services/children/specialties/palliative\\_care/](http://www.fletcherallen.org/services/children/specialties/palliative_care/)

### Family Support

Courageous Parents Network – <http://courageousparentsnetwork.org/>

- ❖ *Supports parents and families of children living with serious illness with the skills, tools and virtual support they need to cope and adapt during their child's illness journey.*

Vermont Family Network - <http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/>

- ❖ *Promotes better health, education and well-being for all children and families, with a focus on children and young adults with special needs.*

### Camps, Programs, and Organizations

Integrated Family Services  
<http://humanservices.vermont.gov/challenges-for-change/integrated-family-services/>

Vermont Assistive Technology Program - <http://www.atp.vermont.gov/>

Camp Sunshine - <http://www.campsunshine.org/>

- ❖ *Free, week-long camp sessions year round for children living with life threatening illness and their families, including accommodations and medical care.*

Double H Ranch - <http://www.doublehbranch.org/>

- ❖ *Provides specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. All programs are FREE of charge and capture the magic of the Adirondacks.*

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp – <http://www.holeinthewallgang.org>

- ❖ *With unobtrusive expert medical care, it was Paul's dream that Camp would provide seriously ill children with a fun-filled experience defined by compassion, laughter and acceptance.*

Beads of Courage - <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>

Star Registry - <http://www.starregistry.com/>

Make a Wish Foundation - <http://www.wish.org/>

Caring Bridge - <http://www.caringbridge.org/>

- ❖ *Free, secure, site on which you can share updates about your loved one.*

Take Them a Meal – <http://www.takethemameal.com/>

- ❖ *Simplifying meal coordination so friends, family, neighbors and co-workers can show they care.*

Perinatal Palliative care - [http://perinatalhospice.org/Home\\_Page.html](http://perinatalhospice.org/Home_Page.html)

- ❖ *A clearinghouse of information about perinatal hospice and palliative care.*

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep - <https://www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org/>

- ❖ *Remembrance photography by a network of professional photographers.*

Give Forward - <http://www.giveforward.com/>

- ❖ *Fundraising for medical expenses.*

### **Bereavement Support**

Camp Knock Knock – <http://www.vnacares.org/health-care-services/end-of-life-care/grief-bereavement>

- ❖ *Annual weekend family bereavement camp for anyone who's lost a loved one*

Fletcher Allen Grief Support Groups

[http://www.fletcherallen.org/community\\_resources/support\\_groups/grief/](http://www.fletcherallen.org/community_resources/support_groups/grief/)

Caring Connections - <http://www.caringinfo.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

- ❖ *Provides people with information and support when they are planning ahead, caring for a loved one, living with an illness or grieving a loss*

Compassionate Friends Support Groups

[http://www.compassionatefriends.org/Find\\_Support/Chapters/Chapter\\_Locator.aspx](http://www.compassionatefriends.org/Find_Support/Chapters/Chapter_Locator.aspx)

### **Advanced Care Planning**

My Wishes – [http://www.agingwithdignity.org/catalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=85](http://www.agingwithdignity.org/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=85)

- ❖ *A planning guide for children.*

My Choices – <http://www.agingwithdignity.org/voicing-my-choices.php>

- ❖ *A planning guide for adolescents and young adults.*

Start the Conversation - <http://www.starttheconversationvt.org/>

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